

**Chapter 20.35****PRESERVATION INCENTIVES****Sections:****20.35.010      Preservation incentives.****20.35.020      Mills Act Program.****Section 20.35.010      Preservation incentives.**

The City Council may by resolution establish preservation incentives to encourage owners to designate, maintain, preserve, rehabilitate, and improve historic resources. Only properties designated as an historic resource pursuant to the provisions of Riverside Municipal Code Title 20 shall be eligible to apply for preservation incentives. (Ord. 6775 § 1, 2004 (part); Ord. 6263 § 1 (part), 1996)

**Section 20.35.020      Mills Act Program.**

Pursuant to California Government Code, Article 12, Section 50280 (known as the Mills Act), the City Council may establish a Mills Act Program providing for contractual agreement with an owner of an historic property as designated by the City Council or listed on any official federal, state, or county register for the purpose of preservation, rehabilitation, and maintenance of a designated historic resource. The terms of the Mills Act Agreement allow the owner to receive a reduction in property taxes in exchange for the property owner's commitment to specific repair, restoration and/or rehabilitation improvements and satisfactory maintenance of the Historic Property. The Agreement shall include, but not be limited to, the contract provisions as required under state law, and shall extend for a minimum period of 10 years, renewed annually, until and unless a notice of non-renewal or cancellation is filed. The application process, review procedures, and required contract provisions for Mills Act Agreements shall be established by separate resolution of the City Council and shall be implemented by the Planning Director or his designee. (Ord 6775 § 1, 2004 (part))